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THIS WEEK

Mud Run funds to benefit family

The Get'r Done Mud Run in honor of Jeremy Salinas, will take place at 11 a.m., Saturday.

The Mud Run takes place east of highway 136 to Katydid Road. The event will help raise money for the Salinas/Wiederholt family to assist in funeral and service costs. Salinas died in July.

Entry fee is \$5 for adults and children over 8 years old, children under eight enter free. Concessions and T-shirts will be available. All proceeds and monetary donations will be donated to the family.

Horace Mann helps raise funds for basketball hoops

In order to fund new playground equipment, Horace Mann Laboratory Students will shoot lay ups from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday in the gymnasium.

Students in kindergarten through third grade will participate. Northwest athletes will also participate to help pay for outdoor basketball hoops.

There are no classes Friday for Horace Mann due to parent-teacher conferences. Donations can be made during the lay up marathon and they are being accepted at the Horace Mann Office.

Northwest receives \$7 million from MOHELA sale

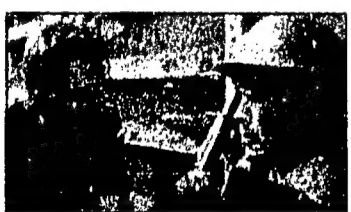
Northwest received the first installment of state funds to continue construction of the Center of Excellence for Plant Biologics earlier this week, University officials and Gov. Matt Blunt's office have confirmed.

The University received \$7 million of its \$24.4 million share from Blunt's Lewis and Clark Discovery Initiative, a partnership with the Missouri Higher Education Loan Authority (MOHELA) that will provide colleges and universities across the state with \$335 million in MOHELA assets to fund construction projects.

Those funds will be distributed over the next five years, according to the governor's office. The \$7 million first installment reimburses Northwest for the funds it initially provided to be eligible for initiative money.

Exterior construction on the Center of Excellence, phase I, is complete, and phase II, interior design and construction, is moving forward, University officials said.

INSIDE



Northwest alumnus advances film career

T. Justin Ross, an experienced independent filmmaker, hopes to strike it big on the silver screen.

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New businesses to open in Maryville

Porter's Steak House plans to move into the vacant building adjacent to Comfort Inn.

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Cat Fight video package.

Civil War Re-enactment in Mound City Sunday evening.

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Correction

Photos and comments in last week's campus talk were incorrectly labeled.

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Percussion group to perform on campus

By Whitney Keyes
Asst. Features Editor

Buckets, chainsaws and metal tanks will cover the stage at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

Then, the world's fastest extreme drummer, Justin Spencer, will drum on the different surfaces, along with his band Recycled Percussion.

The band which uses traditional drum kits as well as other objects, will be at Northwest tonight at 8 p.m.

Recycled Percussion consists of three drummers and a DJ. Typical shows include covers of AC/DC and Metal-

Recycled Percussion

Doors open at 7 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m., Thursday at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

Show is free to Northwest students.

open at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m.

"They are something new. I wanted to bring something that hadn't been to Northwest before," Sperling said. They are definitely something different."

lica songs. The band will also perform some of their own songs.

"It's just them rocking out. They look like they have a lot of crowd interaction, so I hope people show," Student Activities Council entertainment chair Coriann Sperling said.

The show is free to Northwest students. Doors



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BRINGIN' IN THE BEARCATS



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(above) STUDENT AMBASSADORS Ashley Scott (far left) and Pat McInvale (far right) brave the rain to give prospective Bearcats tours of campus. (below) PROSPECTIVE NORTHWEST students discuss class schedules and curriculum with professors during the information session during Saturday's Green and White Day.

University announces new enrollment record

By Evan Young
Managing Editor

The numbers are in—and it appears Northwest has no shortage of Bearcats.

Data from the recently released Fall 2007 trimester census show that undergraduate enrollment is at an all-time high with 5,661 students — a 6 percent increase from last year.

Total enrollment at the University for this fall is 6, 613 students, also a 6 percent increase over last year, according to census data.

Seventy-three percent of them are Missouri residents. "As we watch that percentage, we've seen it slowly creep up and that we have more in-state than out of state students than in past years," Enrollment Management Dean Beverly Schenkel said.

Also at an all-time high is international enrollment with 247 students — 62 more than last year. The University's strong computer science, business administration and business management programs combined with a great working relationship with partnering schools abroad make Northwest a popular choice for international students, Schenkel said.

In addition, Missouri Academy of Science, Mathematics and Computing enrollment is at 88 students this fall, up 37 students from last year, she said.

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Ambassadors wanted

By Katie Charczuk
Missourian Reporter

Campus tours. Northwest students have all walked behind them, around them and at one time way back when, were part of them. Now, the time has come for a select few to lead them.

The Student Ambassador Program promotes the University to prospective students and family by giving campus tours, Admissions Associate Director Jeremy Waldeier said.

Applications are now available online as well as in the Mabel Cook Admissions and Visitor Center. Students may submit them online or bring them to Mabel Cook. They are due 5 p.m., Friday, Waldeier said.

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FEDERAL COURT

Prosecution rests, defense takes stage in Montgomery trial

By Sean Comer
Political/Courts Reporter

The Lisa Montgomery kidnapping trial shifted focus in its second week from the prosecution arguing she understood her actions to the defense pleading her mental instability.

Federal prosecutors have charged Montgomery, a 39-year-old Melvern, Kan., dog-breeder, with murdering 23-year-old Skidmore dog-breeder Bobbie Jo Stinnett, cutting an 8-month-old fetus from her and transporting the newborn across state lines to Kansas in December 2004.

The defense has plead insanity on behalf of Montgomery. She could face the death penalty if convicted.

Brain researcher Vilayanur Ramachandran testified that Montgomery suffered from a false belief one is pregnant called pseudocyesis. Psychiatrist Linda McCandless, who evaluated Montgomery, testified that Montgomery has now become delusional. She stated that her diagnosis was based solely on conversation with Montgomery since her trial began earlier this month.

McCandless testified that Montgomery claimed to not remember the events in question.

"I must have done it because I had that baby," Montgomery said, according to McCandless's testimony. "I can't think I would do something like that."

She met Montgomery four days after authorities arrested her. McCandless initially believed Montgomery suffered from bipolar disorder, depression and alcohol dependency.

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POLK TOWNSHIP

Zoning debate continues with Sunshine inquiry

By Sean Comer
Political/Courts Reporter

Polk Township's zoning debate began a new chapter immediately after closing another.

The Polk Township Board last Thursday conditionally approved Maryville entrepreneurs Diane Higdon and Ben Scott's request to re-zone their 8.8 acre A-1 agricultural property on South Mulberry to a C-2 commercial district. Maryville developer Bill Ingels then presented the Board with a letter formally requesting a series of meeting minutes and announcements from 2001 through 2002 under Missouri's Sunshine Law.

The block of Polk Township land and a stretch of South Mulberry borders homes and commercial lots in Maryville, including an undeveloped plot and row of duplexes owned by Ingels. Ingels has protested the zoning to date on grounds that a lack of uniform building standards hurts the image of Maryville at the city's Highway 71 "picture window" entrance.

Ingels has requested the official minutes and public announcements printed for Dec. 12, 2002, and July 11, 2002, Polk Township Zoning Commission and Township Board meetings to determine whether amendments to Polk Township's zoning regulations passed through the proper channels.

Three amendments passed at the Dec. 12 Township Board meeting repealed many regulatory aspects of the zoning regulations and replaced them with requirements of a proportional application fee, list of property owners within 1,000 feet of the property and a legal description of the property with the current classification and proposed future uses.

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BOBBY BEARCAT LOGO

Hubbard backs logo decision, applauds student concerns

By Dominic Genetti
Community News Editor

Northwest President Dean Hubbard is standing by the athletic department.

Given recent events surrounding the phase out of the Bobby Bearcat logo, Hubbard said he supports Athletic Director Bob Boerigter and the department's decision to move forward.

"Anytime you deal with symbols, then the very first reaction to a symbol or a change in a symbol, is an emotional one," Hubbard said.

Hubbard said this is a non-issue since Bobby Bearcat is not being eliminated completely.

"Bobby Bearcat will still be around and presumably over time, the costume will change, and people will draw, different artists will draw different renderings of what a bearcat would look like," Hubbard said.

Trademarks made to protect identity

The University recently trademarked both the Bobby Bearcat logo and the paw logo bearing an "N" to avoid infringement.

"We were late to that game," Hubbard said.

"Other schools learned a long time ago that unless you want your trademark and identity abused, then you better get a trademark on it."

Hubbard said Northwest's identity is rounded up in continuity.

"Continuity, in other words, is another word for stability, it's very important to our identity," he said. "We don't want everything to change, on the other hand, our relevance is bound up in change, if you don't change, you become irrelevant."

See LOGO on A6



photo by melissa robbins | missourian photographer

THE BOBBY BEARCAT caricature on the windows of Lamkin Activities Center were replaced by the "N" paw, the primary athletics logo. President Dean Hubbard understands student attachment to the former logo.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

SAC sponsors free comedy show

A comedy show is being sponsored by the Student Activities Council at 7 p.m., Wednesday, in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

The event will feature Lori Love and Dan Abdoel. Love is known for playing Viola on "Thick and Thin" a NBC comedy.

She also has appeared on the shows such as "The Late Late Show with Craig Kilborn" and "Premium Blend" on Comedy Central.

The event is free.

Memorial held for Everett Brown

A dedication of the memorial for the late educator and lawmaker, Everett Brown will be held at 2 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 25 by the west entrance of Brown Hall.

The memorial is a wooden frame shaped like a one-room school house which contains the bell from the former Marietta School in Holt County where Brown taught in the 1930s.

Brown's wife, Shoba donated the bell which will be rung three times representing three decades of Brown's service to the University.

Registration form deadline approaching

Up 'til Dawn registration forms are due Friday for teams. Teams consist of six people.

Registration forms can be obtained from the Campus Activities Office, located on the second floor of the J.W. Jones Student Union.

Women's self defense courses available

Campus Safety is hosting a women's self defense course set for 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 29 and 30, and Thursday and Friday Nov. 1 and 2 at the Campus Safety building.

The event is free.

For more information contact officers Kristina and Dru Burns and Sgt. Sean Wiedmaier at 562-1254.

Northwest alumnus to give presentation

A presentation by author and scholar, Northwest alumnus Gregory Hadley will be hosted by the The Nodaway County Historical Society on Monday, Oct. 29, at the society's museum.

Hadley wrote the book "Field of Spears: The Last Mission of the Jordan Crew," that was recently published.

He spent three years researching and writing the book about the B-29 crew that was shot down over Niigata, Japan in 1945.

HOMECOMING 2007

Northwest travels 'around the world' for homecoming

By Shane Sherwood
Chief Reporter

Bobby might not be going around the world this year, but homecoming will still travel the globe.

Activities include the parade, the variety show and the football game against Washburn.

The festivities for the "Around the World" themed homecoming kick off on Monday, Oct. 22, and finish on Sunday, Oct. 28.

The work it takes to put together homecoming is provided by the Student Homecoming Committee, which includes 75 students who share the passion of homecoming and the atmosphere it provides to the rest of the campus, Student Homecoming Committee Chair Isaac Lopez said.

"There is a lot of behind the scenes work involved to prepare for homecoming," Lopez said.

Homecoming is open to anyone who would like to participate. Homecoming is not just about the Greeks.

"We've tried this year to make participation possible for many different groups," Interim Campus Activities Director Angel McAdams Prescott said. "We've tried to find out why people haven't been involved in Homecoming. It is for everybody."

There are 71 groups and organizations participating in homecoming. There are less than 20 fraternities and sororities on campus, McAdams Prescott said.

The homecoming committee also figured

out a way to get faculty and staff involved in homecoming.

"This year we are doing a department decoration contest," McAdams Prescott said.

A comedian will perform on Wednesday night. A Walk-Out Day celebration will take place on Friday, Oct. 26. The Intercultural International Center and the Student Activities Council will sponsor it. It will involve a free cookout and inflatable games.

The variety show is another activity that goes on during homecoming week. Nine groups were interested in performing skits. There were 16 different acts interested in performing olio acts.

"We could only accept six performers to do skits and six olio acts due to time constraint," McAdams Prescott said. "It is important to provide the best show possible to the audience."

The variety show takes place on Thursday, Oct. 25, and Friday, Oct. 26.

Early Saturday, Oct. 27, the homecoming parade will start at nine in the morning. It involves about 12 floats, about 12 mini floats, over 30 clowns and about 20 jellies. It will also include 20 off-campus entries and 15 bands.

"Through tornadoes, hurricanes, whatever, the parade will happen come rain or shine," McAdams Prescott said.

The parade will be about an hour and a half long this year, McAdams Prescott said.

Homecoming royalty is another big part of homecoming week. Two panels of judges are chosen to pick royalty candidates. One panel

HOMECOMING ROYALTY



includes three on-campus judges. The other panel includes three off-campus judges. Each committee chooses the five royalty candidates in their category.

To be eligible, each candidate must have a 2.7 GPA or higher and must complete the application process. Once through that stage, the nominees must complete an interview in front of the panel of judges.

The royalty crowning takes place at 9 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 25 at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

Homecoming 2007 ends with the awards ceremony on Sunday, Oct. 28; at 1 p.m. Planning begins again for next year's Homecoming.

"We try to get a different group of judges for each competition," Lopez said. "We want half of the judges to be on campus and half to be off campus so we have both sides."

Because homecoming takes a lot of time and hard work to prepare, it would be impossible to get it all done if we started in later in the year, McAdams Prescott said.

NORTHWEST ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATION

Northwest organization, Hy-Vee join the going green campaign

By Shane Sherwood
Chief Reporter

Less than 3 percent of plastic bags are recycled each year. Now the Northwest Environmental Organization is teaming up with Hy-Vee to help solve this problem.

The Northwest Environmental Organization has designed a reusable canvas bag for carrying groceries. It will be sold at Hy-Vee later this year.

Since this is the first year the Northwest Environmental Organization is being recognized as a student organization, they wanted to get their name out there.

"We're a new organization, so this is a big step for us," Shay Flanagan said. "This is a really good way for us to reach out to the community. It's also an effort to try to reduce waste."

Hy-Vee, along with many national grocery stores, have offered reusable canvas bags for carrying groceries home.

Some bigger cities already offer mesh bags, and so did Maryville. They just did not promote them so

people knew about them, Flanagan said. Also, money is saved when someone uses a reusable bag.

"The stores save money, and so does the customer," Flanagan said. "The customer will save five cents each time they use a bag."

Greg Chapman, the Hy-Vee store director in Maryville, likes the idea of reusable grocery bags.

"The more people that use reusable bags, the less paper and plastic bags we have to use," Chapman said.

Hy-Vee is also working to solve the problem of just trashing paper bags.

"We've had a sack rebate program for many years," Chapman said. "You don't have to return a canvas or mesh bag to get the rebate, but you can also return a paper bag for a nickel."

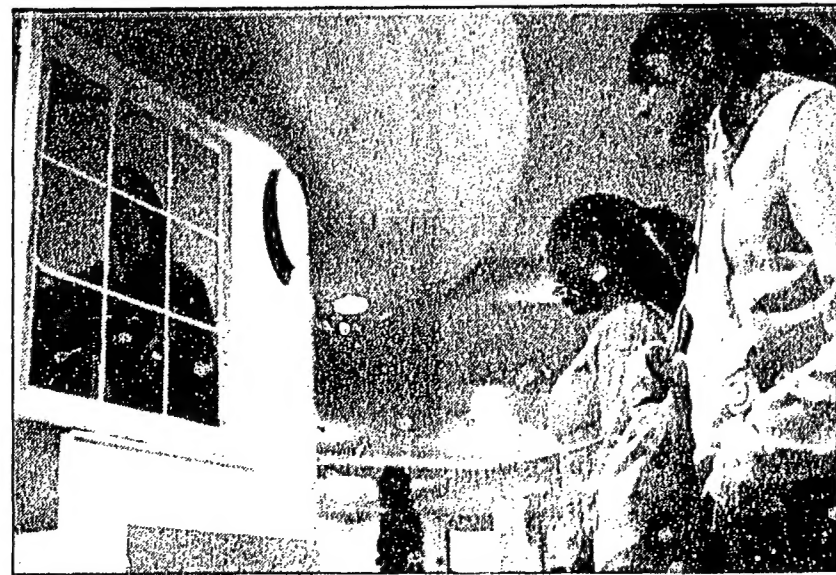


FRED "THE GREETER" Mares explains the new environmentally friendly bags to Hy-Vee customers Joe and Amber Baker.

Hy-Vee already sells canvas or mesh bags for \$3.50 each, but now the Northwest Environmental Organization bags will feature bags with a Northwest logo. Chapman believes these bags will cost about the same price as the one with the Hy-Vee logo.

"The bags will not be more than \$5," Flanagan said. "They will be available maybe by December because we are looking for the right bag. We don't want a petroleum-based product."

BLACK WOMEN'S APPRECIATION WEEK



AIME LAMBERT AND Lindsey Chene admire the tribute to Coretta Scott King near the Intercultural and International Center in the J.W. Jones Student Union. Visit Nwmissourianews.com for full article on Black Women's Appreciation Week.

GREEK PHILANTHROPY

Sorority breaks tradition

By Lisa Houtchens
Missourian Reporter

It's always been about the floats, skits and banners.

This year, it's time for a change. There is one sorority at Northwest that is changing tradition. Instead of spending time and money on a float, its members are donating their time to local philanthropies.

Delta Zeta decided that instead of spending money on something useless that will be torn down and burned in a heap, it is better to give back to its community. Homecoming, Chair Jackie McMurtrey said.

As an alternative to putting in six to 10 hours a week on a float the women of Delta Zeta will be spending five hours a trimester doing service work along with the eight mandatory hours. The members have the choice of where they want to volunteer: Bristol

Manor Retirement Center, Eugene Field Elementary or the New Nodaway Humane Society.

"Instead of paying thousands of dollars on a float, they will keep the money they have to improve the chapter," Delta Zeta Vice President Erin Murphy said.

The women will have the opportunity to serve at many different places around town including a food drive for the food pantry, the elementary school, humane society or something the members are passionate about. Leaving it open for the girls to decide on philanthropy ideas lets them branch out, McMurtrey said.

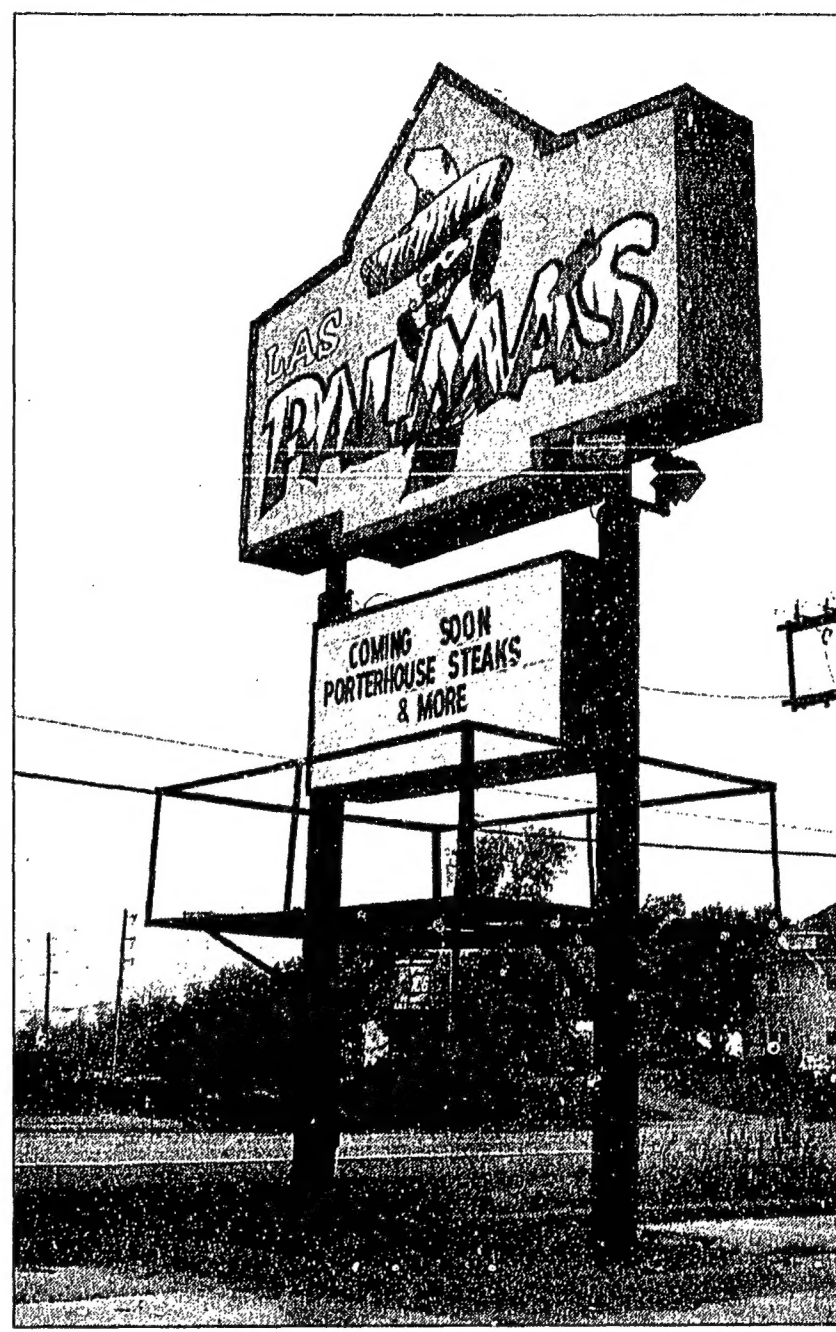
"It was a chapter wide decision to spend our time... to better our community," she said.

Philanthropy possibilities entice many students to join Greek Life because they want to help put their time to something that will help the community, McMurtrey said.

"We really wanted to be more than the write a check people. We wanted to put our time and energy into what we were doing," she said.

COMMUNITY

NEW BUSINESSES



PORTER'S STEAK HOUSE plans to develop the former Las Palmas, adjacent to the Comfort Inn. Contrary to rumors, Walgreens and Starbucks will not be coming to Maryville.

Maryville to offer new dining, shopping options; Starbucks rumor untrue

By Dominic Genetti
Community News Editor

A new restaurant and clothing store are two of the new businesses making their way to Maryville.

Castaways, a new and used clothing store, will open soon on the Nodaway Square in the building formerly occupied by Fields Men's Formal Wear.

"It's a visible location from the street so we hope it'll work out good," Richard Hallenberg, NoCoMo Industries manager said. "We hadn't really decided on a location until Fields closed up and then it kind of just fell together."

NoCoMo Industries also owns the Thrift Store at the corner of Third Street and Buchanan Street.

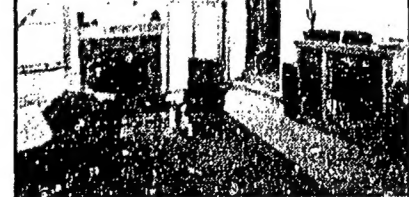
"We kind of felt like we needed to get more merchandise displayed," Hallenberg said. "It was either another store for clothing, or reduce the inventory we have of other material in the Thrift Store."

Hallenberg plans to open quietly within the next week or two before having a grand opening in November.

"We're going to open as soon as we can get the shelves stocked and the merchandise on display," Hallenberg said.

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COMMUNITY FUND-RAISER

Youths sponsor dodgeball benefit

By Erin Loges
Missourian Reporter

St. Gregory's School and Maryville Middle School will sponsor a benefit dodgeball tournament for Brian Halley at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28, at the Maryville Community Center.

Halley has been battling melanoma since 2001. The St. Gregory's youth group came up with idea of putting on a dodgeball tournament to help the family out with medical expenses.

Brian teaches social studies at Maryville Middle School. His wife Jenni teaches religion and geography at St. Gregory's. He has two stepdaughters, Rachel and Amberlee, and one son, Tye.

"The Halleys really liked the idea of us doing a dodgeball tournament, because they know how much all the kids like to play dodgeball," MMS seventh grader Alex Wiedmaier said.

Teams were charged a \$70 registration fee plus \$5 per player.

"If we can help out financially, we want to do anything we can," St. Gregory's eighth grader

Genera Spinatto said.

Several of Brian's former students, and even some who never had him as a teacher, discuss the impact he has had on them.

"My mom and I will take food to their family sometimes and I get to sit there and chat with him," St. Gregory's eighth grader Shawn Shelle said. "He's always really funny."

"I feel like I'm missing out not having him for a teacher," MMS seventh grader Sydney Rogers said.

Brian is known among the students and his fellow teachers for his sense of humor.

"He always has a bright side for the downside," Spinatto said.

"I was worried about him, but they're really making this experience as positive as it can be," said Brenda Ricks, who teaches next door to Brian.

Jacob Hefflin, Brian's brother-in-law, also commented on Brian's optimistic attitude. He was already told once by doctors that there was nothing else that could be done, Hefflin said.

"This is the second time

they've been faced with the possibility of nothing else they can do for him medically," Hefflin said.

Dodgeball tournament organizers are impressed by the community response they've gotten. There are at least 15 adult teams and the other three divisions—fifth/sixth, seventh/eighth, and high school—have many teams, too.

"Everyone's talking about it and I keep getting phone calls from businesses wanting teams to sponsor," St. Gregory's Youth Director Cris Jacobson said.

"The response really speaks for how the community feels about the Halley family," Ricks said. "It's a story that really tugs at your heartstrings."

Tournament organizers hope to make participants more aware of the dangers of melanoma through information booths set up at the tournament. They will also raise money through a concession stand and free will donations.

"It looks like it's shaping up to be quite the extravaganza," Jacobson said.

CITY BRIEFS

Walk-in flu clinics scheduled for public

The Nodaway County Health Department is holding walk-in flu clinics for the following dates:

- Thursday, Oct. 18
1 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 19
9 a.m. to Noon, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 24
9 a.m. to Noon, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 30
1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The Nodaway County Health Department is located on South Main Street in Maryville.

Annual Fall Parish Dinner planned

St. Gregory's Parish will host its Annual Fall Parish Dinner Sunday, Oct. 21. The menu features turkey and ham. Serving is 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in St. Gregory's gymnasium.

Cost is \$6 for adults, children ages 6 to 12 are \$4, and children under 5 are free.

Maryville Parks and Rec host Fright Night

The third annual Fright Night will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Friday Oct. 26, at the Maryville Community Center.

Children ages 3 and up are welcome to attend.

Two separate haunted rooms will be available. One for older kids, the other for younger kids.

Admission is \$3. Those who pre-register pay \$2. Pre-registration is Thursday Oct. 25.

Salmonella outbreak affects Midwest

A total of 165 people in 31 states have been affected by salmonella since Oct. 11.

The likely source of the outbreak is Banquet brand pot pies made by ConAgra Foods. Brands made by ConAgra are Great Value from Wal-Mart and Kirkwood from Aldi stores.

Salmonella left untreated can overcome a person's natural immune system. It may also cause hospitalization or death. Salmonella is treatable with antibiotics.

Youth basketball clinic hosted this fall

Maryville Parks and Recreation will offer a youth basketball clinic open to all area youths grades three to six.

Maryville High School coaches will host the clinic.

The clinic will be Saturdays beginning Nov. 3, at the Maryville Community Center.

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OUR VIEW

Group will make big difference by starting small

We've all been there. Every time you come home from the grocery store you add to your plastic bag collection. Maybe you use one to carry your workout clothes or maybe you reuse them as trash sacks, but eventually you end up throwing a lot of them away. Maybe that explains why less than three percent of plastic bags are recycled each year.

The Northwest Environmental Organization, only in its first year, is trying to change that. They've teamed up with Hy-Vee and are in the process of designing reusable canvas bags they will begin selling later this year. Hy-Vee will also help out by giving customers who use a bag a 5-cent discount on their purchase.

While many steps to improving the environment and world around us may seem far-fetched and expensive, selling a reusable canvas grocery bag for less than \$5 sounds like an inexpensive, common sense solution to a problem.

The Northwest Missourian would like to commend the Northwest Environmental Organization for stepping up as a first-year campus organization and for offering a practical solution. The Missourian would also like to commend Student Senate for giving the organization \$300 to help them get started on the project.

While a few customers using canvas bags instead of plastic bags in Maryville may not seem to have a big impact, it is a small step in the right direction. So when the program begins later this year, if you're a Hy-Vee customer, be sure to support this campus organization and your environment by purchasing a reusable bag.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Last weekend as former Northwest NCWA All-American Chris Schwartz and I strolled through the displays at the Dan Gable International Wrestling Museum in Waterloo, Iowa, we came across an interesting display. Attached to a partition were plaques with the names of every NCAA wrestling champion ever. As our eyes scrolled the plaques, names like Stan Zaeem caught our attention.

What is so special about Stan Zaeem? Zaeem was a NCAA wrestling champion for Northwest. While it may have been forgotten by most people, Schwartz and I are very much aware of the history of Northwest wrestling. Long before Northwest even thought about winning a National Championship in football, Northwest wrestling was producing wrestling national champions and All-Americans.

Wrestling was arguably Northwest's most successful athletic program. Despite its success, the program was dropped with relatively short notice. As a result, the school lost out on what could have been tremendous achievements for the athletic program. Mark Burrell, who was on the Northwest roster at the time, transferred to the University of Central Missouri upon the program's drop and won two national titles.

With the entry of the University of Nebraska-Omaha to the MIAA in 2008, there is no better time than now to announce the reinstatement of the wrestling program at Northwest. There are several strong arguments for doing so. First and foremost, with the entry of UNO, the MIAA will now have four schools that sponsor wrestling: UNO, UCM, Fort Hays State and Truman State. The addition of a fifth school would mean that the MIAA could once again have a conference championship.

For those of you familiar with the Big 12, while there are 12 teams in the conference, only five schools sponsor wrestling. Thus the Big 12 is commonly referred to as the Big Five in the wrestling community. The MIAA could become the Big Five of Division II.

Second of all, the framework is already in place for the program. This will be the third year that Northwest has fielded a team in the National Collegiate Wrestling Association. For those of you not familiar with NCWA, the organization is a governing body of club teams that sponsors regional and national championships.

Many of the teams, like Northwest, dropped their programs for various reasons. The level of wrestling is very high, most compared to that of the National Association of ... (continued online at NWmissourianews.com)



MY VIEW

State Secrets Privilege in need of checks, balances

With the recent dismissed U.S. Supreme Court case of German citizen Khaled el-Masri, the constitutionality of the State Secrets Privilege, or the Security of Information Policy, has been brought into more attention than ever before.

El-Masri claims he was abducted by the CIA, taken to Afghanistan, and tortured until the U.S. government realized that it was a case of mistaken identity. But instead of being heard, the case was dismissed in each court on the grounds of the State Secrets Privilege, a precedent used by presidents going as far back as George Washington, in which the government can claim that a court proceeding might allow a leak of information sensitive to the security of the national government. In cases such as this, the sensitive information is completely removed.

The precedent was established in court in the case of the United States v. Reynolds



Kathleen Wilmes
Contributing Columnist

in 1953 in which three widows of employees of an Air Force contractor were told that released accident reports would threaten the security of the national government if sensitive information was divulged. Finally in 2000, once the accident reports had been released, information was discovered of the poor condition of the aircraft used, instead of any state secrets whatsoever. The very foundation of the State Secrets Privilege is based on a government's misuse of such a questionable precedent.

Due to a government's two main priorities, order and defense, a precedent such as the State Secrets Privilege is vital to the United States.

It is the responsibility of any government to protect the people that compose a country, from not only outside, but also inside forces.

However, it is so easy to misuse a precedent such as this, in which the government has complete reign over what

information is to be divulged. It is also the responsibility of the people to question the actions of government, especially in the United States where the consent to govern is given by the governed.

I do think that not all information should be given to the general public. However, it is imperative to have some sort of check on any policy that gives sweeping authority to the government. I firmly believe that a reform is in desperate need to such a precedent.

For example, a congressional committee off the record to oversee what is a state secret and what isn't would be a possibility. Another might be an in-camera session of the courts, or a hearing in chambers that would not include the public.

No matter what is used, there are options to maintain the fundamental principles of the State Secrets Privilege that also keep our constitutional rights and ensure the natural rights of any person.

The importance of reform is summed up with the words of Lord Acton in 1887: "Power corrupts; absolute power corrupts absolutely."

COMMENTS FROM NWMISSOURIANNEWS.COM



In response to "Your Man wonders, who's Bobby's master?"
posted 10/13/07

Right on. As an alumna of the University (as well as a former member of the newspaper staff), I think it's ridiculous that Northwest (apparently via the sports department) is trying to do away the historical and unique caricature of Bobby Bearcat in favor of a generic paw print that could serve as the logo for any university with a feline mascot. Additionally, the fact that all this is being done without the consent of the resident body which is the group of people most defined and most affected by the logo, is extremely disappointing and worrisome. After the backlash received from students regarding the UM system debate a few years back, you'd think the University would have learned its lesson regarding making decisions that affect the student body without their consent or knowledge. Here's hoping the powers that be will come to their senses.

Bob posted 10/16/07

Dear Author,
I couldn't agree with you more. I think NW has a bit of a problem with letting the students voice their opinions. You're probably too young to remember when the University decided to arm the Campus Safety Officers, but when I sent an e-mail to administration in protest in 2001 (maybe 2002), I was basically told that my opinion didn't matter and that I was "stupid" (the administrator's word, not mine) for being persistent (granted I sent the administrator in question a dozen e-mails, but I never received a satisfactory response). Go Bears!!! O! all varieties.

In response to "Athletic officials respond to logo outcry" NWGrad posted 10/12/07

Okay so all of this just kills me. That's what primary and secondary logos. So really what's the problem with that? I was in school five years ago when the plagues were supposedly decided upon. I do not recall anything about this. I do not think it is a good idea to get rid of Bobby. I do understand the purpose of a unifying logo across athletics as well as the University. The paw is perfect for that and I think that has become apparent over the past few years. We see the paw everywhere... clothes, on the arena wall, football helmets, etc. So I am in agreement on using the paw for that purpose. However, I think the Bobby character should still be allowed to be used and what has been called a secondary logo. It is currently not used a lot but it does have a call for special purposes. For example, on T-shirts or homecoming materials that show Bobby with the opposing team's mascot. Here you cannot use the paw or the plagues version of Bobby as suggested. This is not practical. This is a way to show not only is our mascot better but our team is too. And the issue of the manipulating the Bobby inappropriately, since this is a licensed logo, there should be no problem of placing things in his hands or whatnot since it has to be approved by law. There are still examples of where Bobby is appropriate and nothing else would work: so I think the look of Bobby... (continued with other comments online at NWmissourianews.com)

OPINION

PUBLIC SAFETY

Oct. 7
■ Leaving the scene of an accident, ongoing investigation, 100 W. Lincoln

Oct. 10
■ Lina C. Kenny, 20, Maryville, MIP, 300 S. Main

Oct. 12
■ Matthew J. Groove, 20, Massena, Ia., MIP, 1800 N. Grand

Oct. 13
■ Steven A. Cochran, 19, Lone Tree, MIP; Zachary D. Ryerson, 19, Maryville, MIP; resitting/interfering with arrest; Alexander C. Ogden, Lone Tree, MIP; Lindsey Noble, 19, Maryville, MIP, 600 N. Walnut

■ Adam T. DeGraaf, 19, Maryville, MIP, 500 N. Buchanan

■ Megan N. Anders, 20, Maryville, MIP; Dina M. Wagner, 20, Lees Summit, MIP, 300 W. Seventh

Oct. 14
■ Assault, 3rd degree simple, ongoing investigation, 400 W. Ninth

ACCIDENTS
Oct. 10
■ An unknown driver collided with Christina Moss, 60, Westboro, on the 1600 block of S. Main

Oct. 12
■ Lacey M. Nicholson, Bedford, Ia., collided with Kyle E. Stiens, 26, Maryville, at the intersection of Business Highway 71 and E. South Avenue when Nicholson failed to yield.

Oct. 13
■ Matthew K. Cline, 20, Warrensburg, collided with Diamond V. Berry, 23, Grandview, at the intersection of Business Highway 71 and W. Lieber. Cline received a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

OBITUARIES

Vera Darlene Sherry, 71, of Ravenwood, Mo., died Oct. 13, 2007, at her home. Born on Feb. 29, 1936, in Gentry County, Mo., she was the daughter of the late Raymond and Mamie (Stuart) Mattson.

She was a member of the Ravenwood Christian Church and the American Red Cross. She was a retired grocer and former owner of the Sherry Grocery.

She is survived by her husband, C.B. Sherry, whom she married on Aug. 19, 1956, in Stanberry, Mo.; loving children, Steven Sherry, Maryville; Doug Sherry and wife Barb, Conception Junction, Mo.; Martin Sherry and wife Tina, Ravenwood; Nancy Pratzke and husband Tom, Broken Arrow, Okla.; daughter-in-law, Patricia Sherry, widow of Bryan Sherry, brother, Ervin Mattson and wife Harriette, Stanberry; 11 grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and a son, Bryan Sherry.

Memorial donations may be made to

Second Harvest Food Bank, Maryville or the American Cancer Society.

Online condolences and tributes may be left by visiting: Danfeltfuneralhome.com.

Delano Eugene Simmons, 69, of Maryville, died Oct. 13, 2007, at the Village Care Center.

Born on Nov. 16, 1937, in Briggs, Okla., he was the son of the late Calvin B. and Beulah (Howard) Simmons.

He was a member of the St. Gregory Catholic Church.

He was the owner and operator of Simmons Village Restaurant and Deli for 26 years and formerly was the food service director at Northwest Missouri State University.

He is survived by his wife, Bernice Rose (Perk) Simmons, whom he married on Jan. 31, 1957, in Sioux City, Iowa; daughters, Mary Simmons and Brenda Scott, both of Maryville, a sister, Delphia Reed, South Sioux City, Neb.; grandsons, Brad Simmons, Jason Laws, granddaughters, Tiffany Laws, Jennifer Tennill and Kim Tennill.

He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, and in-laws. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, George A. Simmons, and sister, Neta Simmons Oviatt.

Memorial Donations may be made to the family for the charity of their choice.

Online condolences and tributes may be left by visiting: Danfeltfuneralhome.com.

Jeanette Hersh, 70, died Oct. 13, 2007, at home in Ravenwood, Mo.

She was born Sept. 4, 1937, in Parnell, Mo., to Monroe and Marie (Campbell) Clutter.

Jeanette was a 1955 graduate of Ravenwood High School and attended Northwest Missouri State College. She also worked for the United Telephone Company for several years.

She married Dale L. Hersh on Nov. 23, 1958, in Parnell.

She was a member of the Ravenwood Christian Church and the LaBelle Club.

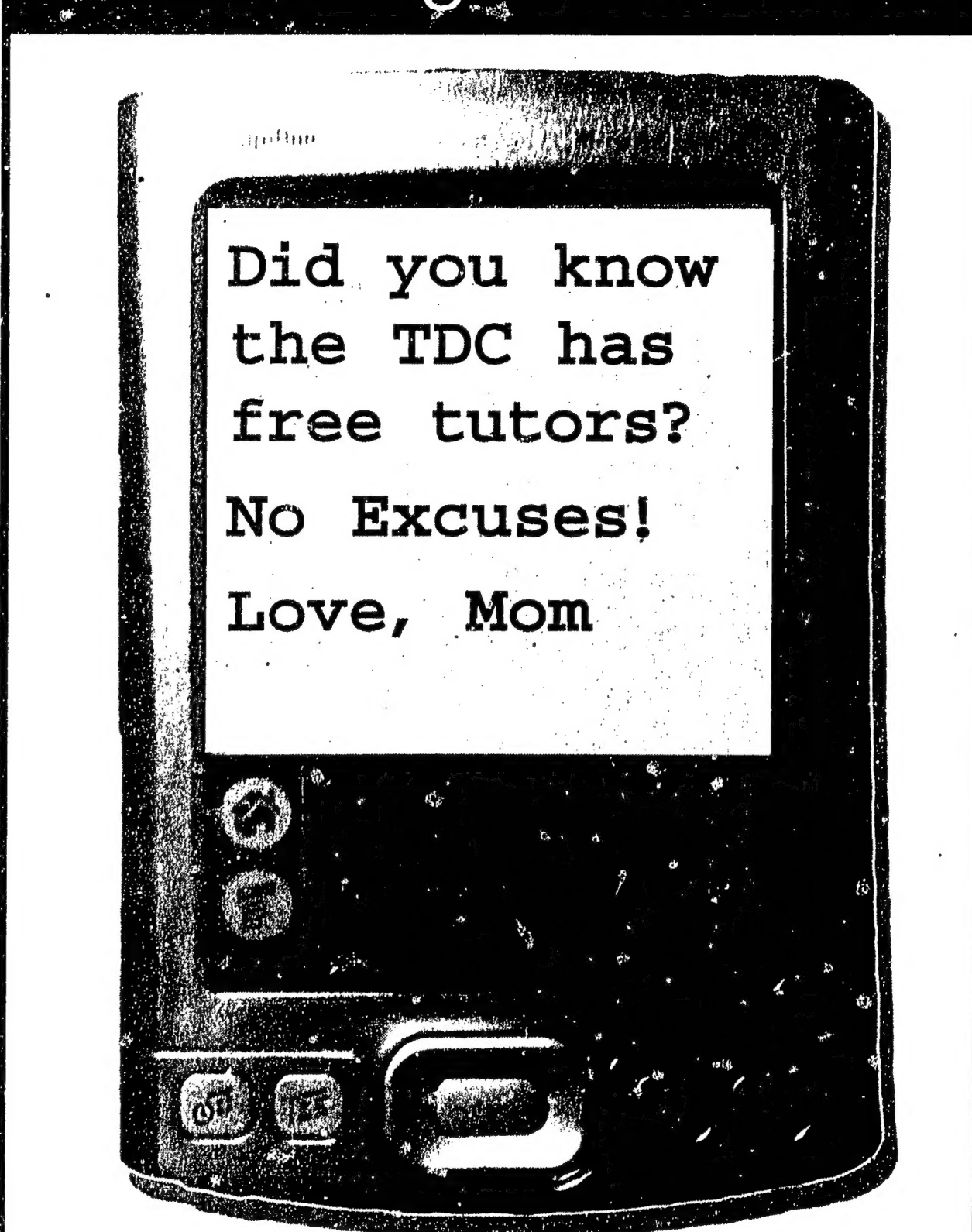
She was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her husband Dale Hersh, Ravenwood, two sons: Kelly Hersh and wife Linda and Eric Hersh and wife Shelly, all of Maryville; three daughters: Julie Glesken, Ravenwood, Missouri; Dalene Brown and husband Dan, Maryville; and Leslee Curry and husband Brett, Independence, Mo.; grandchildren: Andrea Peregrine, Timothy Glesken, Trevor, Tiffany and Trey Burns, Coby Hersh, Anastasy and Kylie Curry; step-grandchildren: Donald Vandivort, Dana Hrbek, Anessa Reid, Aaron Brown; great-grandchildren: Isabella and Karyn Peregrine; step-great-grandchildren: Timothy, Aleksei and James Reid and her brother Marlin Clutter and wife, Margaret, Nebraska City, Nebraska.

Memorials can be made to SSM Hospital of Northwest Missouri or the Christian Church, Ravenwood.

Dan Cornelison, 91, Maryville, Mo., died Oct. 12, 2007, at Beverly Living Center in Maryville.

Text Messages from Mom:



Talent Development Center
660.562.1726
372 Administration Bldg.

ENROLLMENT: Census shows growth

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The census also showed an increase in the average incoming freshman ACT score, from 21.7 last fall to 22.2. Good high school test preparation programs and Northwest's ACT-based automatic scholarship program most likely played a large role in that jump, Schenkel said.

"We're pleased to see a high quality freshman class this year with regards to ACT scores," she said.

However, the data did show a slight decrease in total first-time freshman enrollment. Initial figures over Advantage 2007 weekend projected nearly 1,500 students had chosen to make Northwest their home—the largest freshman class in the school's history.

But the official count is now 1,446, making the class the second-largest in University history, just a few students shy of the 1,450-student record set in 1989, Schenkel said. That still represents about a 19 percent increase in first-year students from last year.

For some first-year students, the end of this trimester may mean the

end of their time at Northwest, but Schenkel said freshman retention shouldn't be a huge concern this fall, because as far as she's heard, rates of student satisfaction and campus involvement have been high overall.

"I'm positive about their success rate as we complete this first trimester," she said.

Northwest's admissions representatives, or high school recruiters, played a large part in the institution's high enrollment numbers this year, Schenkel said.

One of those representatives, Brett Lind, recruits from the Kansas City area, from where a large percentage of new Bears come.

"I'm definitely excited to be part of the team that brought such a large number of students in on move-in day," Lind said of the initial freshman class tally.

Lind makes 100 recruiting stops in some format over the course of a year, he said. He visits some of the larger Kansas City high schools twice.

Selling the University to prospective students often proves to be both an easy and hard job, Lind said. Some

students are hesitant to leave their urban environment.

"Sometimes I have to defend the city of Maryville itself," he said, "but when they get here they realize it's a college town, and they're willing to try out something different."

Other students are undoubtedly ready to become Bears, though Lind still encourages them not to make any rash decisions.

"Even if they've been bleeding green since fifth grade, I tell them they should take several campus visits before making a final decision," he said.

As for future enrollment numbers, Schenkel estimated that while it's possible for Northwest's headcount to remain as high as it has been, she doubts it will climb higher. The institution continues to automatically accept applicants that meet admissions standards, she said.

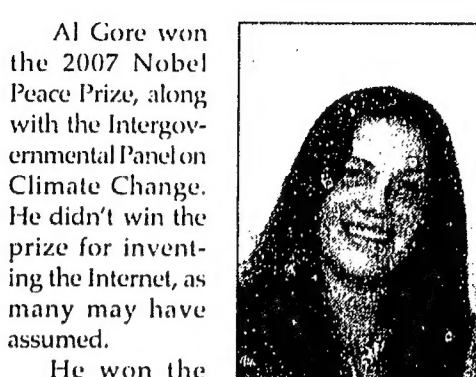
"We're interested to see how interested students are in Northwest again next year," she said. "We anticipate that the level of interest for this year's class will be sustained, and that we will continue to manage (freshman) growth as we go into the fall of 2008."

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MY VIEW

Gore's prize for going green hardly noble



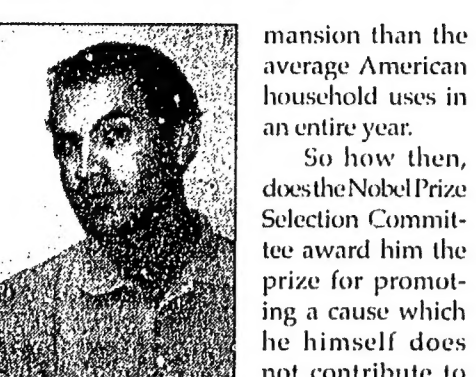
Sarah York, Jeff Kanger
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With the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize, along with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. He didn't win the prize for inventing the Internet, as many may have assumed.

He won the prize for his work over the last few years in raising awareness about global warming and worldwide pollution. What exactly has Al Gore done to promote his mission of decreasing worldwide carbon emissions?

Glad you asked.

According to the Nashville Electric Company, during the month of August, Gore and his family consumed more electricity in their



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mansion than the average American household uses in an entire year.

So how then, does the Nobel Prize Selection Committee award him the prize for promoting a cause which he himself does not contribute to in his personal life?

We think it is outrageous and hypocritical, and quite frankly, we're a little upset that we weren't considered for the prize.

Consider this:

Winter is almost upon us, and even in the blistering cold and nearly unbearable wind, we still walk to class. While the ice is in, many of us bike to class. We as college students adjust our lifestyles in the winter

from "comfort" to "survival."

Our thermostats might as well be set to "Don't let the pipes freeze."

It's all about keeping those Aquila bills down, right? Let's not forget about the space heater, that lovely appliance invented for the fisherman and broke college students.

So all in all, each of us are doing much more for the environment with our medieval lifestyles than Al Gore and his publicity campaigns are doing to actually combat global warming. It's one thing to preach about it ... but quite another to actually practice it.

So during finals week, when you're packing on that extra North Face for the early morning trek to Colden Hall, know that Al Gore's private jet is idling on the tarmac waiting for him to finish a speech so he can fly across the country and do it all over again.

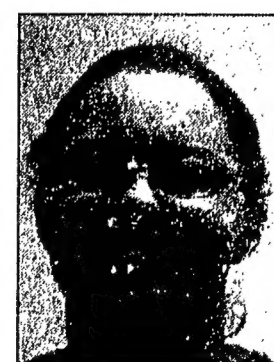
Way to go Nobel Prize Committee, it's nice to know that you're doing your jobs without a political agenda ... oh wait.

CAMPUS TALK

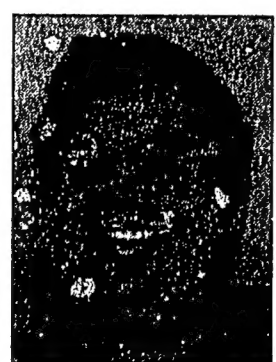
How do you feel about the phasing out of the Bobby caricature?



"I like the idea,"
Kasumasa Nishigata
English



"I think that it could easily lead to getting rid of other stuff. We have to be careful."
Elizabeth Kurrelmeyer
Business Management



"I think it's the dumbest thing ever."
Marcuz Benzel
Broadcasting



"I think it's surprising. Everyone likes it. I don't understand why."
Ashley Stegner
Industrial Psychology

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LOGO: Bobby debate continues

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"If an institution like Northwest never changed, we'd be irrelevant, so managing the balance between continuity, which is often reflected against symbols and that in change, it's an art, not a science and that's where we are with this."

However, Hubbard assured trademarking the logos are not an issue of making money.

"It's an issue of protecting the identity of the institution," he said. University easing up on logo usage as well.

Assisting the athletic department in moving forward, the University's marketing department is also focusing promotions with the paw logo.

"We are complying with the policies or guidelines that athletics has set out to do," University Marketing Specialist Stu Osterthun said. "We're not trying to eliminate that mark, that mark was a really important piece of

the University's history."

"Athletics has made the decision to go with the cat paw, it is a protected mark, and that's the mark we're helping them preserve and promote."

"The former Bobby caricature logo is being identified and we have a trademark on it so somebody can't steal it."

Hubbard calls the paw easy and simple.

"I know when I drive down to Kansas City, you drive downtown, you see it on the back of people's cars," Hubbard said. "It's easily recognizable, easily identifiable and we have a trademark on it so somebody can't steal it."

The athletic department plans to promote Bobby Bearcat photographically in marketing efforts — something Osterthun said is a professional move.

"It's more of a stretch for people to see the cartoon Bobby and picture that animal, walking around," Osterthun said.

Phase out reaction a sign of care

A total of two Facebook groups, numerous message boards and even a Web site, Savebobby.com, has been created in reaction to the phase out of the Bobby Bearcat logo.

Over 2,000 students have joined the Facebook group "Bobby stays or we go." There is also merchandise available at CafePress.com.

Hubbard said it's great to see students reacting.

"I don't know how big the reaction is quite frankly, but I'm glad," he said. "The worst of all worlds would be where nobody cared, that's my worst nightmare. I fully understand people worrying about losing Bobby Bearcat."

Hubbard said he received four or five comment cards regarding the Bobby Bearcat logo. He has since responded.

To read Dean Hubbard's response letter to the comment cards visit Numis-sourinews.com.

MONTGOMERY: Defense pleads mental instability, pseudocyesis

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McCandless changed her diagnosis because Montgomery claimed after the trial had begun that she delivered a baby Dec. 13, 2004 — three days before she allegedly killed Stinnett.

Testing has proven that Montgomery previously had undergone a voluntary sterilization procedure.

The final days of witnesses for the prosecution included Thursday's accounts from law enforcement officials of Montgomery's capture and confession. Maryville Public Safety detective Randy Strong testified that himself, a Cameron police lieutenant and FBI agents caught up with Montgomery in her home, where she watched an Amber Alert for Victoria Jo Stinnett scroll past on the TV screen in front of her.

After Mirandized questioning first at Montgomery's home and later at an Osage County Sheriff's Department annex in Lyndon, Kan., Montgomery finally admitted to authorities "You have Bobbie Jo's baby." Montgomery went on to confess that after taking the baby and leaving in her red Toyota Corolla that witnesses linked to the scene, she stopped to clean blood off the baby, clamp the umbilical cord and place the baby in a car seat.

Montgomery then called her husband, telling him she had gone into labor while Christmas shopping

and delivered the baby at a Topeka birthing center.

Testimony from former Justice Department computer forensics expert David Johnson detailed how Montgomery forged sonograms with her name from images downloaded from the Internet and researched Caesarean section instructions, details about the Stinnetts including their home address and driving directions.

Deleted e-mails also detailed her custody dispute with ex-husband Carl Boman and his wife, Vanessa. The prosecution alleged that Montgomery feared losing child support payments from Boman. The defense has alleged that Montgomery felt pressured because Boman had not paid over \$15,000 in child support payments.

The trial transitioned from prosecution to defense Friday. The defense first called Montgomery's biological father, John Patterson, to recount his marriage to Judy Shaughnessy, Montgomery's mother. Though he left Shaughnessy, Lisa and her sister, Patty Baldwin, because of Shaughnessy's alleged infidelity, he regretted leaving his children.

"They're my children. I wanted to see them, yes. I just couldn't deal with Judy anymore," Patterson said.

The jury then watched a videotaped deposition of 77-year-old Jack Kleiner, Montgomery's step-

father. Kleiner denied having ever abused his children. When lead defense attorney Frank Duchardt confronted Kleiner with testimony excerpts from his divorce proceedings with Shaughnessy, Kleiner briefly changed his story.

"Well I guess I told a lie," Kleiner said.

Kleiner also denied Shaughnessy caught him having sex with Lisa.

Shaughnessy herself then took the stand to describe abuses suffered at the hands of Kleiner and defend her own actions as a mother. She also recalled catching Kleiner having sex with a then-teenaged Lisa in February 1984 in Lisa's bedroom.

Shaughnessy also defended herself against accusations that she was an under-protective and unloving mother.

"I'll put it this way. When a person is humiliated, and the esteem is gone for themselves, and you are told how ugly you are and what a bitch you are for years, you try to protect your kids," she said.

Baldwin took the stand to testify to Kleiner's "bare bottom" beatings and seeing Lisa have sex with Kleiner through a bathroom window.

Evan Young, Whitney Keyes, Kristin Summers and Lindsay Jacobs contributed to this story. See Numis-sourinews.com for extended article.

AMBASSADORS: Deadline Friday

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There are 39 Student Ambassadors working for Northwest this year. The program loses about half each year to graduation, Waldeier said.

On average, about 100 applications are submitted and 15 to 20 students will be selected to join the program next year, Waldeier said.

Anyone can join. Students only need to have and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.70, Waldeier said.

The program is looking for students "who can relate well with a diverse group of people," Waldeier said.

Melissa Flood has been a student ambassador for three years. She strongly encourages students getting involved in the program.

"It is an incredible opportunity to be able to speak with families about Northwest," Flood said.

After submitting the applications there is a series of interviews. The preliminary interviews are from 6 to 9 p.m., Monday, in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom. Students will meet with five current ambassadors to answer questions, Waldeier said.

Forty students will go on to the final interviews on Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 7 and 8, in Mabel

Cook. Students will meet and answer questions from the Ambassador's Executive Board and the Ambassador's Sponsors.

Flood advises students going into the interview process to communicate well.

"It's very important to be able to get your point across. If you can't talk to someone in an interview, the interviewer will assume that you won't be able to represent Northwest and talk to prospective students," Flood said.

She also advises to show the interviewer your personality and to "most importantly, have fun," Flood said.

NW FOOTBALL

Robertson making most of opportunity



NORTHWEST LINEBACKER MATT ROBERTSON HAD A SEASON-BEST 13 TACKLES AT THE FALL CLASSIC VI AT ARROWHEAD.

Ex-Iowa State standout shines on smaller stage

By Brett Barger
University Sports Editor

Intensity best describes Northwest linebacker Matt Robertson.

"He's nuts man. He's an intense guy. I love that though," defensive tackle Terry Bilbro said.

In the locker room, he nods his head constantly like he's about to burst out of his chair as Mel Tjeerdsma delivers the pregame speech before the Fall Classic VI.

On the practice field, in the weight room and during games, he strives to outdo fellow linebacker Jared Espamer each week to get the best out of himself and his teammates.

"Unless I put everything I have on every hit, every step, every run and go 110 percent, I get mad at myself," Robertson said, pounding his fist on a table to emphasize each facet of his game. "If I don't have intensity, then there's no reason to play the game. I'll watch plays and coaches will say good job, but I'll feel like there was something I could've done better."

"Losing makes me sick to my stomach and if I do lose, my Mom and my girlfriend know not to talk to me. I'll be watching film double what I usually do."

Cyclone to Bearcat

Robertson had completed his junior season at Iowa State, finishing the 2005 season with 103 tackles, including 14 in the Cyclones' loss to Texas Christian in the Houston Bowl. Robertson was going to be a defensive captain as the much anticipated spring game neared closer.

Then came news that Robertson failed a drug test administered by the Big 12 Conference. The test showed that Robertson took a banned nutritional supplement. Robertson was dismissed from the team, and lost his last year of eligibility.

"I didn't think much of it. I thought it was something else that could help me, but I didn't know it was going to hurt me like that," Robertson said. "It's no one's fault but my own. I put it in my own body, and I have to be responsible for my actions."

It was a trying time for Robertson as he finished up his bachelor's degree in sociology and criminal justice. He had the support of coaches and teammates but each of the Cyclones' eight losses in 2006 stung him more than ever.

"It was definitely a shot in the gut. It was definitely something that hurt," Robertson said.

"That's on me. That's something I have to live with. At that time, I didn't know what the next step was."

Robertson exhausted his Division I eligibility, but

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SPORTS

MISSOURI'S GOLDEN TICKET



Maryville battles Lawson for Class 2 supremacy

By Sam Robinson
Community Sports Editor

Last season, two junior-led teams dueled at the 'Hound Pound to determine a district champion.

A year later, with seniors carrying both teams, the same match-up could decide who has the inside track for a state championship.

Maryville lost that game 15-7 and ended up watching Lawson advance to the playoffs.

Now, with both Top-five squads entering district play at 7-0, something has to give as the Spoofhounds and Cardinals brace for Class 2's game of the year.

"I can't say in words how much it means to all of us," senior linebacker Tyler Oglesby said. "We've been playing since we were little and this is a huge game. It's do or die. We take our fate into our own hands by winning this game."

"We didn't play as well as we could've last year, and we're far above and beyond where we were last year. Lawson's better as well, but I think we're ready for it."

After winning the MEC, which is filled with Class 3 and 4 teams, the 'Hounds may have an edge on the Cardinals as most of their victories have come over Class 1 foes in the KCI conference.

Coach Chris Holt doesn't think playing the likes of Platte County and Chillicothe gives his team a significant advantage, but isn't ready to dismiss the notion.

"I don't know how much more it prepares us," Holt said. "They beat Cameron and Smithville. As of late, they haven't played really good competition and we've played some pretty good teams, so we may have an edge as far as that goes but they're tough to beat and it's going to be at their place. They'll be ready to play."

Lawson has accumulated staggering defensive statistics thus far, outscoring its conference opponents 183-26 and leading the region in scoring defense, giving up only five points per game. But the Cardinals are not merely a beneficiary of a weak league as they have won their district the past four seasons and qualified for the state quarterfinals in each campaign.

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MARYVILLE SENIOR FULLBACK TYLER OGLESBY RUSHED FOR 68 YARDS ON THREE CARRIES, WITH A TOUCHDOWN AGAINST SAVANNAH, OCT. 12. OGLESBY ALSO LED THE TEAM WITH 5 1/2 TACKLES.

Recent District Showdowns

Year	Record	Opponent	Result	Final Record
2004	7-1	Platte Co.	W 16-10	11-2*
2003	8-1	Chillicothe	L 28-14	8-2
2002	8-1	Chillicothe	L 21-10	8-2
1998	8-0	Chillicothe	L 28-14	8-1
1997	9-0	Platte Co.	L 7-6	9-1
1996	9-0	Platte Co.	W 12-6	14-1*
1994	8-1	Chillicothe	L 23-21	8-2

*Reached State semi-finals, lost to Harrisonville 26-22

*Reached State finals, lost to MICDS, 44-14

NW CROSS COUNTRY

Preparing for the conference championship

Runners seek improvement on preseason predictions

By Scott Levine
Sports Editor

The Northwest men and women's cross country teams are gearing up to prove the conference prognosticators wrong.

When preseason rankings came rolling in, the Bearcat men and women were predicted to finish seventh and eighth in the conference, respectively. The only team picked to finish behind their team was the Emporia State men.

Heading into the MIAA Championships Saturday, the Bearcats are producing differing results than what the preseason polls indicated. During the previous meet in Memphis, Tenn., the women finished eighth out of 41 teams, while the men placed 16th out of 42 teams. These meets featured over 200 runners in each race, while the conference meet has 80 participants.

"We expect to try to do much better than what we were ranked," Northwest coach Richard Alsop said. "It will be a heavy load because we have a solid conference this year."

Missouri Southern, Central Missouri and Fort Hays State were picked to finish in the top three on the men's side, and Alsop expects them to be the teams to beat.

Ben Chappell, a one-time MIAA runner of the week, looks to continue his steady improvement after tallying a personal best time at Memphis. Along with Chappell, Brandon Dart, Terol Pursell, German Guerrero and David Franz are the front-runners to finish high for Northwest.

Alsop said Pursell, Guerrero and Franz could be the sleepers of the meet.

"David Franz doesn't have the slightest idea how good he is," Alsop said. "He could be the number one sleeper of the meet. He's a talented kid. If he gets out and establishes himself, he will surprise some people."

Dart is nursing a shin injury, while Guerrero has a nagging leg injury, Alsop said.

The women are also battling injuries heading into the conference meet. Madison Marshman is battling a sickness, while Jennifer Dittburner has developed a back problem, Northwest coach Scott Lorek said.

However, the women are coming off the team's best finish of the season, and are preparing to finish better than their preseason prediction of last place.

"I really hope the team comes out with the same focus they did in Memphis," Lorek said. "If we come out and do that again, we'll have a good day."

Anna O'Brien and Karah Spader are coming off races where they posted personal best times. Lorek said the runners outside the team's top two must step up at the meet.

"Our top two runners have competed against the other teams in the conference's top two," Lorek said. "The other runners need to come through. We have yet to have a race where five or six people were all firing."

Marshman, Jane Bowness and Maggie McManigal are runners that have consistently finished in the team's top five. Although Marshman hasn't been involved in a race like this, she is ready for the challenge.

"We just need to relax and push each other," Marshman said. "We need to help each other do well during the race."

The women are scheduled to compete at 10:30 a.m., at the Kirksville Country Club in Kirksville. The men follow at 11:15 a.m.

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NW FOOTBALL

Northwest not overlooking Fort Hays

By Brett Barger
University Sports Editor

Defensive tackle Terry Bilbro believes his team learned a valuable lesson after Saturday's game against Central Missouri.

"We learned that overlooking teams is not the way to go," Bilbro said. "We learned from Central Missouri this past weekend and our penalties played a big part of that. We just got to be ready to play our game."

Northwest edged Central Missouri, 28-26, but the game shouldn't have been that close. The Bearcats were penalized 12 times for 117 yards. The biggest penalty came with 11 minutes left in the fourth quarter with Northwest up 28-13. A holding penalty brought back a 38-yard run by Xavier Omon that would've given Northwest a first-and-goal from the 3-yard line. Northwest ended up punting.

Earlier in the game, a roughing the passer and personal foul penalty extended

two Central drives, which both led to short field goals. Northwest finished with three turnovers, one of which was an Omon fumble, that gave Central a start in Northwest territory and an eventual touchdown.

"I'm very disappointed in how we played mentally," Northwest coach Mel Tjeerdsma said. "That's something our football team is going to have to address. We cannot be a good football team and make those kind of mistakes."

The wake-up call couldn't have come at a better time with a pivotal game against Washburn more than a week away. Northwest travels Saturday to Fort Hays State for the first time since 1979. Northwest defeated the Tigers, 59-0, last year in Maryville. It was Hays' first season in the MIAA.

Hays is 3-4 and 1-4 in the MIAA, but are 3-1 at Lewis Field. The Tigers are second in the MIAA in scoring defense and first in rushing defense. Omon faced the league's best rush defense Saturday and ran for 217

yards and a touchdown, earning MIAA Offensive Player of the Week honors for the second straight week.

The Tiger offense has struggled considerably, scoring 26 in the last three games and haven't won since Sept. 22 against Emporia State. Bilbro struggled to find the words to describe the Tiger's poor offense.

"They're pretty big up front," Bilbro said. "But that doesn't really mean much. I'm trying to look for something to talk about."

Tjeerdsma said the team can't afford to have a similar performance with a match-up of two perennial playoff teams set for homecoming Saturday.

"We can't. We've got too many things we have to fix," Tjeerdsma said. "It's not a matter of who you're looking at. We're looking at us. That's our whole theme this week. Let's straighten out the things that are holding us back and if we do that, all of these other things will take care of themselves."

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NORTHWEST DEFENSIVE END SEAN PADACK RUSHES CENTRAL MISSOURI QUARTERBACK ERIC CZERNIEWSKI. PADACK RECORDED SEVEN TACKLES AND TWO SACKS DURING THE 28-26 WIN.

NW VOLLEYBALL



RACHEL NISI bends down to dig a ball during the Bearcats' 3-1 loss to Pittsburg State, Saturday. The 'Cats now prepare to take on No. 6 Truman State on the road.

NW SOCCER

Soccer team gears up for senior week

By Jared Clarke
Missourian Reporter

Looking to add two wins into the victory column, the Bearcats are hoping they can build off of the momentum from last weekend and get closer to an MIAA conference tournament berth.

This weekend, Northwest (4-9-1, 3-6-1 MIAA) finishes off their home schedule, as they compete against No. 25 Missouri Southern (10-3-2, 6-3-1 MIAA) on Friday and Southwest Baptist (7-5-2, 6-3-1 MIAA) on Saturday.

"We got off to a slow start this season, but we hope to finish the season off much stronger," Northwest coach Tracy Hoza said.

This weekend is also senior weekend for the Bearcats, which should add some energy to the team as the seniors compete for the last time in front of a home crowd.

Seniors Amy Jackson, Brittany Cash, Krista Obley and Marti Trummer will be honored during pregame ceremonies Saturday against Southwest Baptist.

"Our seniors are doing a great job," Hoza said. "They have put a lot of work and effort into this program, and having them leave is going to be sad."

With a tie against Washburn and a 2-0 win against Emporia over the weekend, there is still a chance that the team can make it to the conference tournament.

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Truman State looms after road win

By Marcus Meade
Asst. Sports Editor

Southwest Baptist was an appetizer as the Northwest volleyball team prepares for a rematch against No. 6 Truman State.

The Bearcats defeated Southwest Baptist 3-1 on the road, and now, set their sights on Truman who beat them 3-0 at home on Sept. 14.

"I feel like we are a much better team than when we played them before," Northwest coach Anna Tool said.

Last time, Northwest struggled with hitting errors, totaling 24 in three games. That inconsistency led to a .169 hitting efficiency.

Poor hitting efficiency plagued the 'Cats in game three against Southwest Baptist, as well. But the team remained scrappy, Tool said, and rallied back to win game four.

Sara Falcone was one of the team's four players to notch double-digit kills with 12.

"It was really weird playing here because it's really loud, and their fans, like, attack you," Falcone said.

Despite an unruly crowd, Northwest was able to spread the ball around, Alicia Johnson

led the team in kills with 23, while Rachel Nisi and Amber Ryan had 20 and 10 kills, respectively.

"We didn't have as many players who could offensively get in the mix last time," Tool said of her team's last game with Truman. "It was easy for them to focus on one certain player."

This time, Tool is counting on her team's ball control and diverse offensive strategy to beat Truman.

"As long as we have strong ball control, they'll struggle to stay with us," Tool said.

Though the 'Cats don't play Truman until Saturday, playing Southwest Baptist helps their prepare for Truman because of their similar styles of play, Ryan said.

Truman's mid-style and Northwest's familiarity with them are both advantages for the 'Cats, Tool said.

Improved defense will also aid the 'Cats in their attempt to upset the Bulldogs.

"If we can get the block then we can get them tipping and our defense is a tip defense," Falcone said.

Northwest will take on Truman at 3 p.m., Saturday, in Kirksville.

NW TENNIS

Vucenov sets new standard

By Scott Levine
Sports Editor

It's been 10 years since the MIAA has seen something like this.

Not since 1994 has a MIAA women's tennis player finished this high in the ITA Division II National Small Colleges tournament, until Northwest's Kristina Vucenov captured fifth place last weekend.

The last MIAA women's tennis player to finish better than fifth was Washburn tennis coach Jennifer Hascott.

"(Kristina) is a very talented player," Northwest coach Mark Rosewell said. "I didn't know she was this talented when she got here, but I know now."

Vucenov squared off with BYU-Hawaii's Elven-Li, the eventual national champion, in the first round. Li defeated Vucenov in straight sets.

"When I lost I was mad," Vucenov said. "I came to enjoy it, but I also came to win. I didn't want to go the rest of the time and lose."

I wanted to fight and try to win."

Although downed in straight sets during the first round, Vucenov's second round was much closer. Vucenov defeated Northwest's Darina Korova 7-6, 6-4, setting up a fifth place match with No. 8 ranked Idaho's Sandra.

Corona opened the match with a 6-1 first set victory. But Vucenov captured the fifth place title, as she won the final two sets 6-3, 6-4.

"It was my best match," Vucenov said. "It was tough on me when I fell behind, but I kept competing, and scored fifth place. I wanted to win this match. I think I was fighting more than her."

Vucenov's fifth place victory is the highest placing by a Northwest tennis player in program history. A senior from Novi Sad, Serbia, Vucenov is 8-1 in her first season for the Bearcats. Vucenov reached the tournament with a 4-0 performance during the regional meet in Maryville, Sept. 23.

Vucenov and the Northwest tennis teams resume action during the spring season.

ISU: Robertson filling void at linebacker

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discovered he could have a semester of Division II eligibility. He looked at Nebraska-Omaha, North Alabama, North Dakota and finally, Northwest. After Robertson's former coach, Dan McCarney, who is now the defensive line coach at South Florida, put in a call to Northwest coach Mel Tjerdema, talking about Robertson and the circumstances surrounding his failed drug test, Northwest signed the linebacker.

Tjerdema said he never hesitated about bringing Robertson into his program.

"He and I talked. He made a mistake. An innocent one," Tjerdema said.

Before the season, Tjerdema wondered how Robertson would transition from Iowa State that had an average of 46,000 fans a game to Northwest, which averages 6,500 fans a game.

The biggest crowd in the Division II national championship was 15,241 in 1995.

"I think there's a danger when you have a guy coming from Division I and playing Division II," Tjerdema said. "You worry about that guy looking down on Division II. He's not like that at all. He's happy about being here and having respect for his teammates and coaches."

There was no difference, according

to Robertson.

"Football's football when it comes down to it," Robertson said. "The adjustment is getting used to your teammates."

Through the first four games of this season, it appeared Robertson wasn't transitioning well to Division II football. He had 16 tackles in four games, but in his last two games, he has 23 tackles, four tackles for loss and a sack.

"Those first few games, people said I didn't do very well. But you have to get used to your teammates," Robertson said.

As Northwest prepares for Saturday's game against Fort Hays State, Jared Ersamer leads the team in tackles with 45, while Robertson is right behind him with 39.

"We kind of have our own little personal thing where we get on each other and who can do better each week," Ersamer said of the friendly competition between them. "We push each other a lot."

Life is good for Robertson. He's working on his master's degree in athletic administration and said he's thankful for the opportunity the team gave him.

"It affected me a lot," Robertson said. "For me to sit out that year, and find a place to play and people like Coach Tjerdema and the team taking me in has been great."

BEARCATS

SCORE BY QUARTER

(5-1) 14 7 0 7 — 28

(4-3) 0 10 3 13 — 26

TEAM STATISTICS

Northwest	Central
377	362
58	80
6-37.8	Punts-average 3-49.7
12-117	Penalties-yards 9-57
2-2	Fumbles-lost 1-0
149	Passing yards 271
2-10	Sacked-yards lost 2-4
15-23-1	Comp-Att-Int. 26-45-1
228	Rushing yards 91
35	Total rushes 35
6.5	Average Gain 2.6
15	First Downs 18
5	Rushing 5
8	Passing 11
3-10	Third Downs 6-21
3-5	Fourth Downs 0-0

PLAYER STATISTICS



NORTHWEST DEFENSIVE END Dallas Flynn eyes a pass from Central Missouri quarterback Eric Czerniewski. A 2-point conversion shot was the difference as Northwest won 28-26.

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Xavier Omon	25	221	4	217	1	80	8.7
Sheldon Cook	5	18	3	15	0	6	3.0
TEAM	2	0	1	-1	0	0	-0.5
Josh Gannan	1	0	1	-1	0	0	-1.0
Josh Matthews	2	4	6	-2	0	1	-1.0
Totals...	35	243	15	228	1	80	6.5

Passing Sack	Att-Cmp-Int	Yds	TD	Long
Josh Mathews	21-15-1	149	3	29
Joel Osborn	2-0-0	0	0	0
Totals	23-15-1	149	3	29

Receiving	No.	Yds	TD	Long
Kendall Wright	4	50	2	23
E.J. Falkner	4	14	0	7
Mike Peterson	3	51	1	29
Xavier Omon	2	5	0	7
Sheldon Cook	1	17	0	17
Abe Quidon	1	12	0	12
Totals...	15	149	3	29

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20
Michael Stadler	6	227	37.8	53	1
Totals...	6	227	37.8	53	1

Defense
Matt Robertson 10 Tackles, Myler Burnsides 9 Tackles, Sean Paddock 7 Tackles, 2 sacks, Gerrit Hane 3 Tackles, 1 INT

What happened: Northwest stopped a 2-point conversion on a Jared Ersamer pass deflection with 1:06 left to defeat Central Missouri, 28-26. Northwest improves to 5-0 in the MIAA, while Central falls to 3-2 in the conference.

Xavier Omon rushed for 217 yards and a touchdown, including an 80-yard touchdown that was his longest run at Bearcat Stadium. Josh Matthews passed for 149 yards and three touchdowns. Northwest held Central running back Glenn Milner to 55 yards on 15 carries.

Northwest led 28-13 with 11 minutes left in the game, but Northwest penalties brought Central back into the game. Eric Czerniewski passed for 271 yards and three touchdowns to lead Central.

For a complete story and video from the press conference, log on to Nwmissourianews.com

SPOOFHOUNDS

MHS SOCCER

Records fall in shutout victory over Chillicothe

By Marcus Meade
Asst. Sports Editor

The Maryville High School soccer team took a step forward Tuesday, breaking the school record for wins in a season.

The season's 15th win came as the Spoofhounds defeated Chillicothe 3-0.

Junior Jon Rogers tallied two goals in the opening half, and senior Klay Talmadge scored the final goal in the second half after returning from injury.

"Before the season, I kind of hurt my ankle playing softball, and I just tweaked it again," Talmadge said.

Talmadge's absence made a difference. The 'Hounds were taking fewer shots on goal and didn't score while Talmadge wasn't playing.

"He and Jon Rogers feed off each other so well," Maryville coach Stuart Collins said. "... That chemistry is quite unique. They

work well together."

The 'Hounds have been marred by injuries this year, including the loss of Stephen Scheffe, one of the team's main scorers. Those injuries can hurt the chemistry of a team, Collins said.

Collins attributes his team's record-breaking play to its excellent chemistry and experience together—the team has 11 seniors.

"When I put somebody else in, the chemistry just isn't right," Collins said of how injuries change his team's play.

Beating Chillicothe keeps the 'Hounds in the hunt for the MEC championship.

Maryville has three games remaining on its regular season schedule against Lafayette, Cameron and Savannah. The 'Hounds have beaten each team already this season.

Their next game is at 4:30 p.m., today, in St. Joseph, against Lafayette. Senior night is Tuesday against Cameron.



FORWARD JON ROGERS scored two goals against Chillicothe in Maryville's 3-0 victory. The junior also scored two goals against St. Pius X on Oct. 11.

MHS GOLF

Miles' finish much different from '06

By Christopher Woodland
Missourian Reporter

The Maryville High School golf season ended much differently this year for senior Klay Miles.

The senior finished 84th during last year's meet, but placed 58th this year at Island Green Golf Course in Springfield, Mo. Miles shot a total of 199 for the two-day tournament.

Freshman Shannon McClellan was the lone Spoofhound joining Miles on the trip. She shot a 209, registering 78th place.

Jitters hindered the pair on the first day.

"I was really nervous," McClellan said. "Two girls before me had really bad shots and I was the first one on our team to tee-off."

"Once I got through about three holes though, I realized it was just another day of golf."

She capped off day one with a birdie on the 18th hole that propelled her to shoot a 99 on day two.

Miles relied on long drives and precision putts to improve her score three strokes on the second day.

"This year's course was more challenging than last year's. The greens were really fast," Miles said.

"We really pulled together at state," coach Brenda Ricks said. "I'm very pleased with them. Shannon's only been golfing for two and a half months so I'm pretty tickled."

McClellan is optimistic about the 2008 'Hounds' golf team.

"We should be a really good team and have a lot of fun," she said.

Miles will not be a part of that team as she intends to take her golf career to the next level. She said she does not know where she will be playing collegiate golf, but does have plans to do so.

Savannah's Kate Gallagher won the class I tournament with a one over par 144.

Savannah's team finished fifth, while Pembroke Hill won the class I team championship.

MHS VOLLEYBALL

Districts loom after senior-night loss

By Sam Robinson
Community Sports Editor

With her team losing the first game and being down 18-17 in the second in her final home match, Jayme Mattson stepped forward, hammering four straight kills to put her team up by three.

But, despite the senior's efforts at the net, the Maryville volleyball team fell victim to a 7-1 run by Smithville to give the team its 12th defeat.

The Warriors beat the Spoofhounds 25-22 in each game to spoil senior night.

Coach Lon Klaus did not see her team play up to its usual level Tuesday night which cost them at the end of the games.

"It was just a frustrating," Klaus said. "I don't feel like we were on top of our game tonight and I feel like on a better night they (the games) would've ended our way."

Game one saw Smithville seize control of the game early, taking an 18-10 lead. But Maryville clawed back, mounting an 11-3 run to get the crowd on its feet.

The scoring spree impressed Mattson, who tallied five kills, but the senior captain feels her team needs to sustain the surges throughout the game, instead of just sporadically.

"We had some really good rallies where we wouldn't give up, so that really helped us," Mattson said. "We just need to carry them through throughout the game."

Following Mattson's four game-two kills, however, Klaus saw the Warriors steal the momentum.

"The kills really helped us out, I just wish the other girls would've fed off of it more," she said.

Megan Cooper notched three kills, while senior setter Jenn Seipel had 12 assists.

The loss dropped Maryville to 16-12-1, but did not hurt them in the district standings as it is seeded second with a first-round bye.

Klaus is not ready to say goodbye to these seniors just yet.

"We're losing a lot of talent this year, but we go into districts on Tuesday so it's not over yet," she said. "We have a pretty good chance of playing in the championship and we have a chance of winning. So hopefully we'll go farther than districts with these girls."

Maryville plays the winner of the Cameron-Lafayette game in the district semifinals at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, at Benton High School.

On the field, the Maryville and Lawson are eerily similar. Both teams operate primarily out of the wing-T formation, and both have potential all-state running backs that carry their offenses.

Adam Mattson won the MEC rushing title with 786 yards, while scoring 13 touchdowns, despite getting only three carries last week. Fullback David Noblet is the Cardinals' version of Mattson, leading the team in rushing, despite lining up in a blocking position.

Both squads run first and throw second, but when Lawson does pass, it has a Division I-bound quarterback ready to pick apart a defense.

Joseph Kassanavoid, a 6-foot-6 senior, verbally committed to Kansas State this year. Kassanavoid, who throws a 96-mph fastball from the pitcher's mound, holds Lawson's season and career passing records, throwing for over 1300 yards the past two years.

"He's the best player, pure-athleticism

ended our way."

Game one saw Smithville seize control of the game early, taking an 18-10 lead. But Maryville clawed back, mounting an 11-3 run to get the crowd on its feet.

The scoring spree impressed Mattson, who tallied five kills, but the senior captain feels her team needs to sustain the surges throughout the game, instead of just sporadically.

"We had some really good rallies where we wouldn't give up, so that really helped us," Mattson said. "We just need to carry them through throughout the game."

Following Mattson's four game-two kills, however, Klaus saw the Warriors steal the momentum.

"The kills really helped us out, I just wish the other girls would've fed off of it more," she said.

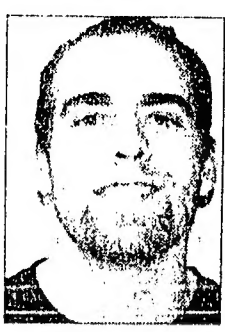
COLUMN

Underdogs flipping college football's script

When the BC's rankings came out Sunday, they dealt a crushing blow to a tradition: college football has been changing for decades. For as long as I've been around, the same teams patrol the top of the polls and computer rankings, which serve as a reminder as to why this sport fell out of favor with me years ago.

But this season, powerhouse with ridiculously unfair competitive advantages like Michigan, USC or Florida State, are nowhere to be found in the Top 10.

In what has to be upsetting many presidents of universities, those big-name schools have been replaced with perennial lightweights (South Florida), basketball schools (Kentucky) or average Joes (Boston College).



Sam Robinson

So all those pathetic bandwagon fans of Texas or Michigan, you'll have to watch those schools duke it out for BCS spots while your teams could be heading to the Aloha Bowl or another December game no one cares about.

2007 is the year of parity in college football, and it is slowly recapturing my interest.

Shift your eyes down to my picks record and you'll get a pretty good idea that I haven't kept close ties on the college game. It just got old seeing the same teams with the same advantages at the top every season. While the players are not top notch, they are trapped in an outdated and perplexing system that punishes everyone involved except for the aforementioned powerhouses with immense recruiting budgets.

It just always struck me as weird that only one postseason game really matters (the

National Championship game) in the NCAA. There were 32 bowls last year and only one played a part in determining a champion. Seems a little illogical.

But late last season, the landscape shifted a bit with Boise State and Rutgers (despite the system making a mockery of their season by placing them in the Texas Bowl) capturing millions with their underdog runs. Aside from Scooter fans, who wasn't rooting for the Broncos that night?

That is what makes sports so great, upstarts with less talent or tradition showing up a powerful, more established team. College football has never really had or wanted this as the larger, more recognizable schools bring in more money. How much money a program has or how many fans it can draw should not determine its ultimate result.

Could you imagine if the Chiefs weren't selected for the playoffs because the Steelers could generate more revenue? This

biased and unethical method is one of many reasons I've shied away from the amateur game.

But, this season, with staggering upsets like Appalachian State over Michigan or Stanford over USC, the sport has received a competitive overhaul. If there's ever a year a team without a major football pedigree gets a chance to play for a title, this is it. If that's not worth rooting for, I don't know what is.

Even with the insane format, college football has already seen the two biggest upsets, by point-spread, in NCAA history. Despite what big-time boosters or football-factory presidents believe, fans want to see upsets and will embrace these teams' respective runs.

Here's hoping one of these October darlings can run the table and stick it to a sport that's stacked the odds against them for so long.

WHAT TO WATCH?

Scott's TV Picks

Friday
■Louisville at Connecticut, 7 p.m. ESPN — Louisville may have gotten back on track last week after derailing Cincinnati's unbeaten streak. Expect this to be a close game, as the Huskies are much improved and Louisville looks to get back in the Big East race.

Days rating (3 of 5)

Saturday

■Auburn vs. LSU, 8 p.m. ESPN — Auburn is hot right now, and I'll be interested to see how LSU responds to a devastating loss. We'll see if Auburn has really improved that much, or if their opponents have been that bad.

Days rating (4 of 5)

Sunday

■Minnesota at Dallas, 3:15 p.m. FOX — Adrian Peterson continues his Rookie of the Year campaign.

Days rating (4 of 5)

Marc's TV Picks

Friday
■American Gladiators, 6 p.m. ESPN Classic — This is the show we all grew up on. Tune in to crazy '80s mullets and steroid pumping gladiators with names like Nitro.

Days rating (1 of 5)

Saturday

■Michigan at Illinois, 7 p.m. ABC — Is Illinois for real? Or is it the team that Iowa beat? Michigan could show Illinois it isn't ready to be the Big Ten bad boys.

Days rating (3 of 5)

Sunday

■KC at Oakland, 3 p.m. CBS — There's nothing like an old fashioned AFC rivalry. Oakland's the favorite. It's true.

Days rating (4 of 5)

Sam's TV Picks

Friday
■Maryville at Lawson 7 p.m. — Spoofhounds are matched up with the No. 1 team in a game that will likely decide who goes on to state. Yes, it's in a small town over an hour away, but this could be small class football's game of the year.

Days rating (5 of 5)

Saturday

■No. 24 Texas Tech at No. 16 Missouri — This would be a big win as Mizzou looks to take the Big 12 North.

Days rating (3 of 5)

Sunday

■Pittsburgh at Denver 7:15 NBC — If the Broncos lose this game, my week is ruined as I cannot see them climbing back from 2-4 to make the playoffs. Hopefully the national TV home game will provide the run defense enough motivation to actually try.

Days rating (4 of 5)

Brett's TV Picks

Friday
■World Series of Poker, 8 p.m. ESPN Classic — Watch guys better than you play poker.

Days rating (3 of 5)

Saturday

■No. 5 Oklahoma at Iowa State, 2:30 p.m. PSN — Oklahoma edged the Tigers and can rest their minds as they take on the worst team in the Big 12.

Days rating (3 of 5)

Sunday

■Baltimore at Buffalo, noon CBS — Willis McGahee returns to Buffalo and we'll see if he takes it to his old team.

Days rating (3 of 5)

MEC

Team
1. Maryville 7-0
2. Platte County 6-1
3. Chillicothe 4-3
4. Cameron 2-5
5. Smithville 4-3
6. Lafayette 2-4
7. Benton 1-5
8. Savannah 1-6

Results Last Week

1. Northwest beat Central 28-26
2. Pittsburg beat Truman State 40-0
3. Washburn beat Emporia State 31-21
4. Missouri Western beat Baptist 49-14
5. Central lost to Northwest 26-28
6. Missouri Southern beat Fort Hays 21-31
7. Truman State lost to Pittsburg 0-40
8. Emporia State lost to Washburn 0-6
9. Fort Hays lost to Missouri Southern 14-49
10. Baptist lost to Missouri 14-49

Result last week

1. Maryville beat Savannah 56-8
2. Platte County beat Lafayette 41-20
3. Chillicothe beat Cameron 33-15
4. Cameron lost to Chillicothe 15-33
5. Smithville beat Benton 17-0
6. Lafayette lost to Platte County 20-41
7. Benton lost to Smithville 0-17
8. Savannah lost to Maryville 8-56

SPORTS PICKS

Scott's picks

Prediction Record (13-7)

NCAA Lock
Texas Tech at Missouri — Missouri This is a battle of two identical offenses. Look for the Tigers to beat the Red Raiders as they never win on the road.

NCAA Upset Alert

Kansas at Colorado — Colorado It's time the Kansas love train ends. The thin air is too much for Kansas to overcome.

NFL Lock

Arizona at Washington — Washington The Cardinals may be dipping into their fourth string quarterback for this one.

NFL Upset Alert

Houston at Tennessee — Houston Vince Young is hurt and since he can't throw, that will eliminate the Titans.

Brett's picks

Prediction Record (7-13)

NCAA Lock

Florida at Kentucky — Florida It will be a close game at Kentucky, but Florida gets back on track.

NCAA Upset Alert

Kansas at Oklahoma St. — Okie St. The Cowboys beat the hapless Huskers and the Wildcats are not that good.

POWER RANKINGS

Scott's picks

Prediction Record (10-10)

NFL Lock
Atlanta at New Orleans — N.O. The Saints are back and they win big against the Falcons.

NFL Upset Alert

Tampa Bay at Detroit — Tampa Bay Detroit's high-flying offense will be grounded by the Buccaneers defense.

Sam's picks

Prediction Record (7-13)

NCAA Lock

California at UCLA — California These two rivalries will serve as a fine for their trip to L.A. land. The Bears upend the Bruins.

NFL Upset Alert

KC at Oakland — Kansas City I'll take KC as an upset. Is Oakland that good? I think not.

Last Week's Champ: Brad Howard

NCAA Lock

Minnesota at Dallas — Dallas Stop Adrian Peterson. Please! Dallas will win by three scores if AP doesn't go off for another big day.

NFL Upset Alert

Baltimore at Buffalo — Bills The Bills are angry that Willis McGahee said you can't party in Buffalo. Revenge on the ex-Bills. RB will be sweet.

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AROUND THE WORLD

HOMECOMING 07

Schedule of Events

Royalty Voting will take place from October 15-19

Sunday, October 21	Barmer Competition	noon	Student Union
Monday, October 22	Canned Art Competition	10 a.m.	Student Union
	Homecoming Archives Display		Library
	Penny Wars for Make-a-Wish Foundation		Library
Tuesday, October 23	Homecoming Archives Display		Library
	Penny Wars for Make-a-Wish Foundation		Library
Wednesday, October 24	Homecoming Comedian	7 p.m.	Performing Arts Center
	Homecoming Archives Display		Library
	Penny Wars for Make-a-Wish Foundation		Library
Thursday, October 25	International Buffet	5 p.m.	Student Union
	Variety Show	7 p.m.	Performing Arts Center
	Royalty Crowning	9 p.m.	Performing Arts Center
	Homecoming Archives Display		Library
	Penny Wars for Make-a-Wish Foundation		Library
Friday, October 26	Bell Ringing	8 a.m.	Bell of '48
	Walkout Day Celebration	noon	Bell Tower
	Alumni Golf Outing	noon	Mozingo Golf Course
	Flag Raising Ceremony	2 p.m.	International Plaza
	Hall of Fame Banquet	6:30 p.m.	Student Union
	Variety Show	7 p.m.	Performing Arts Center
	Homecoming Archives Display		Library
	Penny Wars for Make-a-Wish Foundation		Library
Saturday, October 27	Alumni Open House	8 a.m.	Alumni House
	Parade	9 a.m.	Alumni House
	Hudson & Perrin Open House	11 a.m.	College Park
	Bearcat Zone	11 a.m.	Bearcat Stadium
	Football Game	1:30 p.m.	Library
	Homecoming Archives Display		Library
Sunday, October 28	Awards Presentation	1 p.m.	Bearcat Stadium
	Homecoming Archives Display		Library

All events subject to change or cancellation
Cut out schedule here

MEC

AROUND THE WORLD BUFFET

Grab a map and enjoy foods from each continent!

Travel to the Bearcat Food Court on Thursday, October 25th from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

AROUND THE WORLD

HOMECOMING 07

ALL YOU CAN EAT FOR ONLY \$6.49!

Other areas in the food court will be closed at this time to offer this special event.

WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Aries (March 21-April 19)

Today is a 6 — You're not making money, but you are making a good impression. Continue to make the hard jobs look easy and you're headed for a promotion.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Today is an 8 — You're not making money, but you are making a good impression. Continue to make the hard jobs look easy and you're headed for a promotion.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Today is a 6 — Don't draw a lot of attention; do your negotiations in private. Keep your newfound wealth a family secret for the time being.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Today is a 7 — An amazing idea pops up, just in time to halt a potentially ugly confrontation. Stay open, even if premeditated, so you'll notice it when it comes.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today is a 6 — At first it looks like everything's working brilliantly. And then a new glitch is recovered. Watch out for that, OK?

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today is a 7 — Your partner comes up with a great idea, which warrants further study. It proves to be quite expensive, but maybe you can whittle it down. Creativity is contagious.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today is a 6 — A confrontation forces you to look at things differently. Don't complain, this could be the miracle you've been seeking.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today is a 7 — At first it looks like you've proved the problem and everyone will be happy. It doesn't quite work out that way yet, though no fault of your own. Some of this is up to them.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today is a 7 — The person who writes the checks is in a generous mood. You might get more just by asking for it, if you've earned it, of course.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is a 7 — Although you're in a good mood, there's a caution flag in effect. Don't let yourself get overly generous. I told enough back for the rent and food on the table, OK?

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

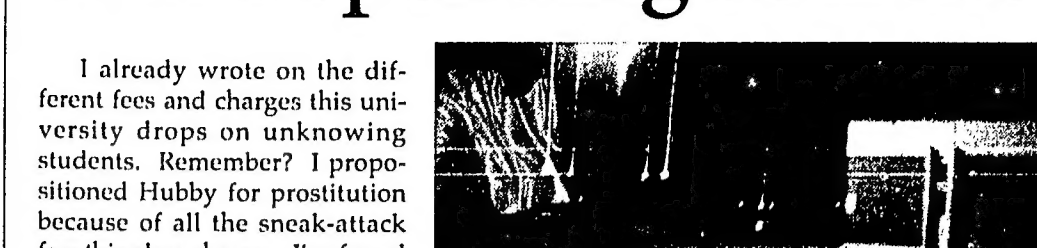
Today is a 6 — There are places you'd rather be, and things you'd rather be doing. Continue with these tedious chores, however. You're building character.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

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STROLLER

Your Man questions SAC's spending abilities



The Stroller

I already wrote on the different fees and charges this university drops on unknown students. Remember? I propositioned Hub

Filmmaker T. Justin Ross:



T. JUSTIN ROSS coaches new actors to direct them toward his vision. The award-winning filmmaker has won countless awards for his ideas, direction and production in his films. photo courtesy t. justin ross

From Northwest to Hollywood

By Brian Johnson
Missourian Reporter

There may be a future celebrity walking among the students here in Maryville.

T. Justin Ross is a filmmaker who graduated from Northwest in 2003 whose ultimate goal is to be a successful filmmaker. Already experienced in independent filmmaking with eight whole films to his name, Ross hopes for bigger things.

"I'm trained for industry filmmaking or in other words, Hollywood movies," Ross said. "I want my movies to really reach a broad audience."

Ross has always wanted to be a filmmaker. With his father a play director and his mom a playwright, he was always around the performing arts. As a child, Ross remembers helping his mom come up with titles for her plays and just watching her work.

Always being around his father, who would direct plays at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center is also a staple of Ross's memory. Ross would just sit in the audience seats, taking in everything that was around him.

"I was always around storytelling, as I like to call it," Ross said. "There was no clear moment where I said 'I want to be a filmmaker.' I just knew that I always wanted to do something with storytelling."

Justin's father, Theo Ross, a professor of communications and a play director at Northwest, said that Justin almost literally grew up at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. The two were always immersed in different forms of storytelling including theater and movies.

"Every Sunday we would go to the movies," Theo said. "He started filming with a video camera in his early teens so he has been doing this for a long time."

Theo can't think of just one word to describe his son because he thinks there are just too many. The most intriguing thing to Theo is his son's character.

"Some words to describe him are motivated, unselfish, likeable, honest and trusting," Theo said. "He will always be a good man though. His character is amazing."

During his time at Northwest, Justin was the executive producer of a group called the VINCI television show which is now called the Independent Film Coalition. This group was dedicated to producing 30-minute television shows that would broadcast over Northwest cable. It was there that Justin made his first four independent movies including "Black-out," "Fallen Friends," "The Hunted" and "Awake."

While Ross was executive producer, the membership of the group went from seven to 65 in three years and the show sponsorship and budget increased by over 400 percent. The group really helped him with filmmaking, and was one of his favorite things about Northwest Justin said.

Justin also received many awards at Northwest, including the award for Outstanding Senior Broadcaster and Outstanding Leader for 2002-2003. He was also on the National Dean's list, the Who's Who Among American College Students and he maintained a 3.84 GPA.

One of Justin's professors, Matt Rouch, who specializes in television production and digital technology, remembers Justin's dedication to his work at Northwest. Rouch would always find him working hard no matter how much work was at hand and how little rest he had.

"He was very hard-working and was always helping other students with VINCI," Rouch said. "Most of the time he would be running on only three or four hours of sleep but it didn't matter to him. He had a reputation of always going."

When asked about his inspirations, Justin quickly points to his parents as his biggest inspirations. He can always count on them when the movie business gets crazy and stressful to bring him back to reality.

"With as much stuff as I get involved in with the business side of the filmmaking industry and how crazy it can get," Justin said. "I know I can just come back to Maryville and hang out with friends and family for a few days and it really brings me back to reality. I then realize my problems really aren't that overwhelming."

With any filmmaker, there is always someone that he or she must look to for inspiration and influence. Justin's choice may be an obvious one, but the reason may not be so obvious.

"As cliché as it sounds, my biggest influence is Steven Spielberg," Justin said. "Spielberg just has a talent for telling stories in his signature way. He is the master of magical realism which is my genre as well."

Magical realism is a style of filmmaking when there is a reality based story with extenuating circumstances and all of his films follow this formula. Some popular examples of magical realism are: "E.T.," "Big Fish," "Pans Labyrinth," and "The Natural," because they all deal with simple story lines with extraordinary settings and circumstances.

Justin has just received a Masters in Fine Arts degree in directing from Florida State University's Graduate Film School this year, where he created several new films that are currently being screened in film festivals across the nation. He now looks to move to Los Angeles where he hopes he will be on his way to a successful film career.

Realizing he was once an aspiring filmmaker, Justin knows that there are others out there just getting started on the path he once took. He thinks people interested in filmmaking just need to get out there and do it.

"Grab a camcorder, and just get out there and shoot anything," Justin said. "It doesn't even matter if it's bad, because you get better each time. There are so many people that can do this and don't even know it. You just got to get out there and do it."